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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Masataka Shinoda ATTY. DOCKET NO. 09792909-5049
SERIAL NO. 09/896,094 GROUP ART UNIT: 2653
FILING DATE: June 28, 2001 EXAMINER: A. Psitos
INVENTION: "RECORDING MEDIUM, RECORDING AND REPRODUCING
METHOD AND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS"

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This amendment is being filed in response to the Office communication dated November 24, 2003. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action of November 14, 2003, the examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I claims 1-43 drawn ✓
to an optical record having particulars of the composition thereof, Group II claims 44-69 drawn
to optical recording and reproducing methods and Group III claims 70-93 drawn to optical
recording and reproducing apparatus..

In response, applicant hereby elects examination of Group I claims 1-43. ✓

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS	-20		() X 9.00 () X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS	3		() X 42.00 () X 84.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$140.00 () \$280.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5

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- ☐ Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated _
_ for _ month(s) so that the period for response is extended to _____. The Commissioner is authorized to
charge the fee of \$ _ for the extension to American Express Account No. 378571697401002. PTO Form 2038 is attached for
that purpose.
- ☐ The Commissioner is authorized and requested to charge the amount of \$ _ to cover the additional claim fee to American Express
Account No. 378571697401002. PTO Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.
- ☐ A check for \$ _ accompanying attached Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321.
- ☐ A check for \$ _ for Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312(b) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit
any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-8000 - Ext. 12578.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's response of 12/15/03 has been considered with the following results.
2. Claims 44-93 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in Paper No. 6, dated 12/15/03.

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